Air services in Chhattisgarh

†2573. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh have submitted a proposal to the Central Government for getting approval for introducing air service in the interiors of the State;

(b) if so, the date since when it is pending with the Central Government for approval;

(c) whether any progress has been made in granting approval to the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Long working hours for pilots

2574. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of news reports stating that many airlines force their pilots to fly for longer hours, thus endangering the security of air passengers;

(b) if so, the details of any action contemplated or taken in this regard;

(c) whether the international system of upper-limit of maximum flying hours for commercial pilots exists in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have not received any such representation or complaint from the pilots.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Flight Duty Time and Flight Time Limitation for Flight Crew have been specified by DGCA in their Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 28/1992 in accordance with international practices. It also contains

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the duration of rest period and number of landings etc. for all types of operations. All operators are required to follow these guidelines.

Improvement of Delhi and Mumbai airports

2575. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have warned private sector managements of strict action if they do not adhere to their promises of improving Mumbai and Delhi airports;

(b) what was the context in which this warning was made;

(c) whether Government are unhappy with the lack of progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Operation of flights from Delhi airport

2576. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many flights are circling for 15 minutes or more, before landing at Delhi airport;

(b) whether any study has been made of how much fuel is lost because of this;

(c) whether this situation has come about because license has been given to too many flights to operate from Delhi airport when compared to the infrastructure available; and

(d) what are the steps taken to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. At times during peak hours some flights are required to hold in the air before landing at Delhi airport.

(b) Data for additional fuel spent due to delay of flights are maintained by various airlines in different manners. Hence, loss in terms of fuel cannot be given.